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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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JESUS THE SAVIOUR

By EVANGELIST HYMAN APPELMAN, *Nationally Known Evangelist*
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I got a letter the other day from a friend. He said, "You know, I have heard other preachers preach over the radio and they don't keep on mentioning Jesus like you do. It's just all the time *Jesus, Jesus*; why don't you talk about something else?" Well, the Lord has not called me to talk about anything else, and I do not have anything else to talk about. When I find something else to talk about I will quit the ministry and go to doing that. I have no other message. You take the message of Jesus away from me and I do not have any salvation for myself or for anyone else. But I believe in Jesus. He is my Saviour. He can be and will be your Saviour also. I want to read you some verses of Scripture we call the Christmas story. I am sure that you remember it is in the first chapter of Matthew, beginning with the eighteenth verse.

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save

his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:18-21).

I am not going to read any more. Just take that last verse, the twenty-first verse: "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." I want to speak to you for just this little while on *Jesus the Saviour*, or *Jesus as Saviour*, either way you want to put it.

You will notice there are three things in this text. Normally, I do not care whether you remember my outline as long as you remember the general thoughts of the sermon. But this is one time I sure do want you to remember the outline of the sermon. I could almost wish you were the class and I were your professor. Maybe I could be a Doctor then. I wish I could force you almost to memorize these verses, then give you an examination on them, so that if you failed, you'd have to go back to them again. There are three things in this text, plain and simple so that you do not even have to be a preacher to see them. The first thing is, Jesus the Saviour. The second thing is, the salvation that Jesus the Saviour offers. The third thing is, the saved — that is, the people to whom Jesus offers this salvation. *The Saviour, the Salvation, the Saved.*

OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOUR

More than anything else in all the world, we need a Saviour. We need a Saviour more than we need money, more than we need education, more than we need a job, more than we need a home, more than we need health, if you will

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Introducing Some Contributors

The Ten Men Pictured on This Page Are Among the Foremost Preachers, Christian Leaders, and Soul-Winners in America. With Many Others They Write for "THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

Last year 120 full-length gospel messages were printed in *The Sword of The Lord* besides many answers to Bible questions, reports of revivals, and discussions of prayer, soul-winning, and of amusements and separation for young people. We believe there is no other periodical of any kind in America which publishes so many full-length sermons by so many of the world's greatest preachers. A number of these men are in "Who's Who in America," most of them are famous authors of many books, and the books of the ten together have reached an enormous circulation, of, I think, millions of copies.

Just now we are in a subscription campaign for *The Sword of The Lord*. A book of 177 pages, *Twelve Tremendous Themes*, a book of Bible teaching on twelve great doctrines by Editor John R. Rice, is being offered absolutely free with each subscription at \$1.00 a year to *The Sword of The Lord*. We believe that this is an unusual opportunity. Readers should renew their own subscriptions, and should encourage others to subscribe. As a missionary duty, the 20,000 subscribers to *The Sword of The Lord* should each subscribe for others. Will you help get this, America's fore-most evangelistic weekly, with great sermons by America's greatest preachers, into the hands of pastors, Christian leaders, and humble lay-Christians everywhere?

H. A. Ironside, D.D. Litt.D.

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The Young Man Who Dared to Say "No"

By DR. JOE HENRY HANKINS

(Sermon preached September 23, 1943, 7:00 P. M. Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. Stenographically Reported for "The Sword of The Lord").

I read tonight from the first chapter of the book of Daniel.

"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

"2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

"3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

"4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

"5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

"6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

"7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

"8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

"9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

"10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

"11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

"12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

"13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

"14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

"15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

"16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

"17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

"18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

"19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

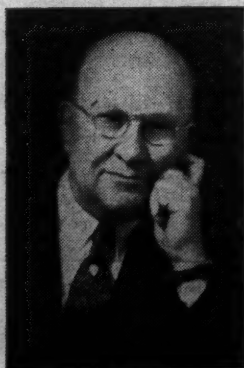
"20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm."

Out of that story I take this eighth verse as our text: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank."

Now, if ever you saw a young man on the spot, this young man Daniel was really on the spot. He had been carried away captive from his own land into the land of the Chaldeans, over to the city of Babylon, more than a thousand miles away from home. And a thousand miles then was a long way from home. Bible scholars tell us that this young man Daniel was only about seventeen years of age and maybe not quite that, a captive at the hands of an invading king, and a slave, now carried into a strange land. It was the custom of the kings of Babylon when they conquered a people to select the finest, most promising, most intelligent young people of

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Some Famous Contributors to The Sword of The Lord



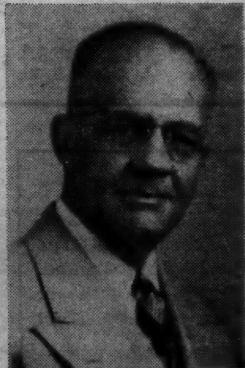
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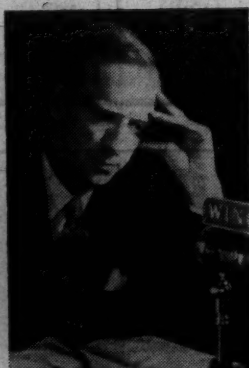
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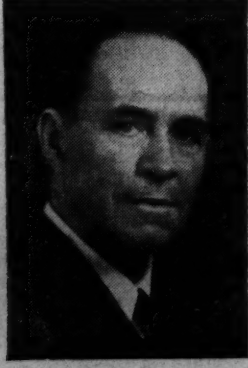
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Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, the church founded by D. L. Moody. It has a beautiful, cathedral-like auditorium, with 4,040 opera chairs. Multiplied thousands have been converted here. Dr. Ironside is the best known Bible teacher on the American continent. He has written expositions of most of the books of the Bible, has written several dozen books with a very wide sale, besides many pamphlets. It is doubtful if any man living has helped so many people understand the Bible as Dr. Ironside. For years active in the Salvation Army, he was later a member of the Plymouth Brethren. However, his ministry has now long reached beyond all denominational lines. We are grateful to have him as a contributor to *The Sword of the Lord*. Some of the magazines and papers occasionally give brief articles from his pen, but rarely do any others print his full-length gospel sermons as we do in *The Sword of the Lord*.

Charles E. Fuller

Evangelist Charles E. Fuller has preached the gospel to more people than any other man who ever lived! For years he has been broadcasting the gospel each Sunday on the Old Fashioned Revival Hour broadcast which now is carried by several hundred radio stations, and can be heard in virtually every part of the earth. Millions hear him each Sunday on the Pilgrims Hour and the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, two separate broadcasts. Multiplied thousands are being saved through his radio ministry. The largest halls in America can scarcely hold the crowds that come to hear him when he is announced as speaker. By agreement with Brother Fuller we take records of his sermons mechanically and transcribe them for *The Sword of the Lord*. No where else can you get except as they are copied from this paper. They are an exclusive feature of *The Sword of the Lord*. Think of reading these messages which bless the hearts of millions each week!

Evangelist Hyman Appelman

Brother Appelman was born a Russian Jew. In America he was educated as a lawyer, was converted in Oklahoma, studied for the ministry in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, and was for some years a Texas Baptist Evangelist. In recent years his evangelistic ministry has become nation wide. In a giant union revival in Philadelphia over a year ago there were about 2300 professions of faith. Recently in Mobile, Alabama, there were 1500 or 1600 conversions in a brief campaign where he preached. He is a simple but fiery gospel preacher. He preaches with great power of the Spirit, with fervor and tears and holy boldness. His books of sermons are very popular, published by Fleming H. Revell and Zondervan Publishing House. We have the fullest cooperation of Brother Appelman, and delight to print his full-length evangelistic sermons.

Oswald J. Smith, D.D., Litt.D., F.R.G.S.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith is the pastor of the Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, and is an internationally known mission leader. The People's Missionary Society, which he heads, supports hundreds of missionaries. Dr. Smith has traveled widely in England, Russia, Poland, Africa, Australia, etc. His many

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Glorious Close For Huntington Union Revival

Around Two Hundred Public Professions; Twenty Pastors Plan Another Such Campaign; Most Converts Joining Local Churches. Rice-Shufelt Now in Union Revival, Elmira, New York.

On Monday night, November 1, a great mass meeting for new converts was the closing service of the union revival in East Huntington High School, Huntington, West Virginia, sponsored by twenty churches. Many were the thrilling testimonies by new converts, and many Christians told of the blessings they had received during the campaign.

Dr. Stafford, co-chairman of the personal work committee, announced that he had records of one hundred ninety-five public professions; that of this number all but twenty-three or twenty-four were straight out conversions of people who had never made a profession of faith before. The twenty-three or twenty-four were backsliders returning to serve God. He thought there were probably twenty or twenty-five other conversions not recorded on cards.

I think there were hundreds of other Christians who made a re-dedication of their lives to God, but none of these were counted; only those who came for the first time to claim Christ as Saviour, or others who admitted themselves outright backsliders no longer claiming to live a Christian life, were counted in the results. The invitations were always very clear-cut and definite. I took the hand of each person who came forward and talked to him or her briefly. Then they were led to the inquiry room where, with an open Bible, they were instructed, doubts were removed, and prayer was offered. Then after the service I would go to the inquiry room and check up on the dealing with each convert. Each one would rise and publicly confess Christ as Saviour. Every person who came on the invitation had their name, address, and church preference carefully recorded. The record cards plainly stated whether the person who signed it came as a new convert, or whether he had previously made a profession of faith and came as a backslider. Each card was also checked as to the age group, adult, young person, senior, intermediate, or junior. Then when the cards were turned over to the pastor he had at hand full information when he received his cards. Each card showed a definite church preference, so there was never any difficulty in dividing up the cards. The work was very carefully done. The inquiry room work was done under the supervision of Rev. Bennett of the Main Street Methodist Church.

While the revival continued, the churches were already beginning to have very definite results in new members. The Guyandotte Baptist Church had received twenty-five members with a prospect of three or four more. The Highlawn Baptist Church had received a similar number, I think. Other churches

books and pamphlets, we understand, have reached a circulation approaching a quarter of a million copies. Dr. Smith is a pungent writer, a fervent and effective preacher. We have been given the right to publish anything of Dr. Smith's, and received yesterday from him a message for *The Sword of the Lord*.

Robert G. Lee, D.D., LL.D., Litt.D.

Dr. Lee is pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, one of the largest Baptist churches in the world with several thousand members. There he has a blessed soul-winning ministry, and his great labors are wonderfully blessed of God. But he is also in great demand all over America. His tremendous earnestness, his unsurpassed eloquence, and his fidelity to Christ and His Word make Dr. Lee one of the greatest preachers in the world. His books of sermons are very, very popular. Dr. Lee wrote the introduction to the new book, *Twelve Tremendous Themes* by the

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had received members already, from the campaign, the pastors told me.

The closing Sunday was a time of great refreshing, large crowds, souls saved, and backsliders reclaimed.

The pastors expressed themselves as being especially happy over the entire campaign and a movement was started at once to have another such united campaign next year.

Many of the pastors will be writing a brief report on the revival campaign, or comments on it. We publish two such reports, already at hand.

Rev. A. N. Norris, Pastor First Guyandotte Baptist Church Says:

"The revival conducted by Dr. John R. Rice, evangelist, and Rev. J. Stratton Shufelt, singer, in Huntington, was a success from many angles. Having heard many of the nationally known evangelists I can say without mental reservation that Dr. Rice was the best for our people I have yet known. His preaching is powerful, pungent, plain and pointed. His methods are sane, sound and scriptural. He did not stir up denominational animosities by saying, 'We have no differences; we are all going to the same heaven,' etc. But he stayed to the Word of God and preached salvation by the marvelous, matchless, measureless grace of God. He made us all feel that the big task of all Christians is soul-winning. Mr. Shufelt is one of the great singers and conductors of America.

"Under their preaching and singing sinners and backslidden church members wilted and surrendered to the Lord. In my own church many young people who had become worldly were renewed and their joy restored. My church is better equipped spiritually to go forward in a great way. If the meeting had accomplished no more for my church than to bring two splendid women together with embraces, tears, forgiveness and joy, it would have been a success. But the twenty-five converts my church received for baptism adds to this accomplishment.

"I am not in favor of the usual so-called union meetings, but the Rice type is different. Get him if you can. Get Shufelt if you can. God bless these dear men of God."

Rev. T. L. Miles, Pastor First United Brethren Church, Says:

"To Whom It May Concern:

"I am happy to report, that the Union Revival held in the Huntington East High School Auditorium, Huntington, West Virginia, October 10th to November 1st, 1943, in which Dr. John R. Rice was the evangelist and Mr. J. Stratton Shufelt was the minister of music, proved to be a great blessing to me and to my church members.

"The inspiring messages, given by Dr. Rice, condemned sin, convicted of righteousness and the judgment to come. They were backed by the unselfish, brotherly Christian personality of Dr. Rice as he was empowered by the Holy Spirit.

"Rev. Shufelt's contribution through music was most helpful, very inspiring and pleasing to all who attended.

"The fellowship of the ministers and the people of the various denominations participating was very delightful. The Spirit and power of Christ was manifest throughout the entire meeting, which resulted in the salvation of many souls and the edifying and strengthening of Christian people. May the Lord give us more such Heavenly refreshings."

Evangelist John R. Rice and Mr. J. Stratton Shufelt are now engaged in a union revival campaign in Elmira, New York, to continue, God willing, through November 28.

The time of great union revival campaigns is not past. There is a growing sentiment that Christians ought to unite on the main things, particularly on fulfilling the great commission in winning souls.

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that conquered land to give them an education in the university of Babylon and prepare them to take a place of leadership and responsibility in the government of that country. So here is this young captive Daniel who has a chance now at an education in the world's greatest university. Remember he is a slave, and if he makes good in this three year university course, he will be given a place in the government which will mean not only that he will be out of slavery for the rest of his life, but that he will also be financially secure the rest of his life and in a place of honor and prestige. He will be somebody! But this young man has some convictions. He loves God. He has been taught from his childhood that the followers of Jehovah

— God should not eat meats that have been offered to idols and that they should not defile themselves with strong drink. The Babylonians believed that a person could not be brilliant or healthy without eating certain kinds of food and drinking certain kinds of liquors. You know there are people who believe that today, that liquor makes you healthy, that there is health-giving qualities in beer. And so the king appoints this diet and these drinks for these young men during the three years' university course.

I. DANIEL CAME TO THE CRISIS OF HIS LIFE.

Daniel comes face to face with the crisis of his life in his teens. Now he must choose. If he refuses to fall in line and take the diet and the drinks that are set before him, the chances are ten to one that it will mean that he will be deprived forever of this opportunity and it will mean slavery for the rest of his life. Now what are you going to do, Daniel? "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself," regardless of what the consequences might be. There were some real convictions in the heart of this young man. Convictions are the most expensive things in the world and the most inconvenient things in human life. But the thing that we need and the only thing that really makes human character and makes human life worth while is some real

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have it — we need a Saviour more than we need life itself. Is not that right? We need a Saviour infinitely more than we need life itself, because life (just to give you one reason), at its very best, and which one of us has it at its very best, is but a mighty temporary possession.

We need a Saviour first of all because of the prevalence of sin, because we are all in sin, and it is impossible, we might as well admit it, and confess it, and stop denying it, it is impossible, we are so constituted, psychologically, nervously, physically, mentally and spiritually, we are so constituted that although the spirit may be ever so willing the flesh is frightfully weak, that in our own strength, in our own wisdom, we cannot overcome sin and Satan. We may overcome certain sins, give up certain evil practices, deny ourselves some wicked pursuits, but take us as we are, sin has control, sin has power, sin exercises dominion over much of our lives, much of our activities. We need a Saviour who is stronger than sin.

We need a Saviour because we are all going to die. If the Lord Jesus withholds His coming everyone of us is going to experience death. We are going to have to go through the valley of the shadow of death. That is the tragic eventuality for everyone save the child of God. If we are in the Lord Jesus Christ, we know that He, who has kept us through life, who has walked with us, who has talked with us, who has an abode in our hearts, who has given us the sustenance of His grace at all times, is not going to permit us to walk through the last black hour on earth, the hour of death all by ourselves. He will be right there with us.

We need a Saviour who can represent us at the judgment. "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an accounting of the things done in the flesh, whether they be good or whether they be evil." The Bible is specific. We have but one Advocate, one lawyer, one Representative who can plead our cause, even Jesus Christ the righteous.

We need a Saviour to keep us out of Hell and take us into Heaven. One of those two places we must, each one, inhabit forever. Jesus makes the difference.

The Salvation That Jesus the Saviour Offers

God offers to us this Jesus, His only begotten Son, whom He sent into the world to be born of the virgin Mary, as our Saviour. First of all, we are saved by His Person. I thank God for that. I will tell you why. The Lord Jesus Christ lived here upon this earth. He was encased in the flesh the same as you and I are. He had the same problems, the same difficulties, the same burdens, the same needs, the same heartaches, shed the same tears. He is not a far-off God in the seventh Heaven, looking down, wondering, studying our antics, our experiences, our mistakes, our trials. No, He knows exactly what we are up against, because He Himself has been here upon this earth. He understands us. He understands our frame, that we are but dust. Because of that, He has pity, grace, compassion, endless concern for everyone of us.

We are saved by His passion. We are saved by His death on Calvary's cross. I thank God for that because that is the historic fact. Just as definitely as the beat of my hand on this pulpit stand, just so definite is the recorded fact that Jesus Christ did die for the sins of the world, for your sins and mine, on Calvary's cross. That cannot be denied. That cannot be ignored. That cannot be erased away. Therefore when I as a preacher stand before a congregation of people and tell you that for Christ's sake God will have you, I have behind me the assurance, the guarantee of the historic transaction, between Jesus and God on Calvary's cross.

We are saved by His power. You know, if the Redeemer had died on the cross and stayed dead, if He were now buried out yonder somewhere in some Palestinian grave, He could not be our Saviour. But thank God, Jehovah raised Him from the dead. He ascended up into Glory. He is seated at the right hand of God interceding for us. In His mighty hands is vested all the power in Heaven and on earth. That power is a stewardship from God. He has it, possesses it, exercises it for us. The whole world was created, exists for a redemptive purpose. The Incarnation, the Propitiation, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Intercession, all, all are for us, to save us forever. That is the mighty story. Jesus is the Saviour. We are saved by His person. We are saved by His passion. We are saved by His power.

But let us hasten on. What about the salvation? "He shall save his people from their sins." What is there involved in the salvation? Well, first of all, the salvation is perfect. It is perfect pardon for all sinners, from all sin, for time and eternity. No wonder Paul the apostle could say, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." No wonder God could say, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." No wonder John could say, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." There is perfect pardon.

Then there is perfect peace. There is peace with ourselves. There is peace with each other. That peace with ourselves, that peace with each other is an outcome of the peace with God that is spoken of by Paul, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." God has never promised us Christians complete relief and release from trouble. As a matter of fact, you know, those of you who read the Bible, that the Saviour definitely said that "in the world ye shall have tribulation." But my friends, if we have the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, if we are children of God by faith in the Son of God, then all things must work together for good to them that love God who are the called according to His purpose. Nothing that Satan can do and nothing that sin can do, that circumstances can do, that our own mistakes can do, can take from us the peace of God which passeth all understanding. We may be twisted hither and yon; we may be torn and tempted; we may be in doubt and uncertainty. Our poor weak frailties may lead us into all sorts of hard places, but the Bible specifically guarantees that "therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," eternal peace, here and hereafter peace.

Not only is there here perfect salvation, but there is also offered a perfect service. I am afraid there is not enough stress placed on that. You know, beloved, Christianity is not a name. It is a job. That is true. Salvation is not a title. It is a responsibility. That is what Paul meant when he said, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Now tell me, where will you find a service more satisfactory than the service of the blessed Master?

Listen, if the president of the United States, our great Franklin Delano Roosevelt, were to stand here in my place, in front of this radio, were to stretch out his hands to you in this crowd, and out yonder in radio land, were to send out his smooth, melting, winning voice, and were to say, "Americans all — men, women, children — I need you. I need your money; I need your time; I need your effort; I need your prayers; I need your tears, in order to make America safe for democracy, in order to make America the great nation that it ought to be." What would you do? What would I do? Why, as one man we would leap to our feet and cry, "Mr. Roosevelt, if there is anything I can do for America, I will be glad to do it." Now I am sure you will agree with me that the Lord Jesus is infinitely greater than Roosevelt, or any other man or group of men here upon

this earth. It is Jesus who lifts His hands to us and says, "I need you. I need your time, your toil, your tears, your effort, your testimony, your money, in order, not only to build up America, but to build up the world; not only to win the war against Nazi Hitler or Japanese Hirohito, or Fascist Mussolini, but to win the war against the mightiest of all enemies, Satan and his cohorts and the hosts of Hell." What will you say to this appeal?

Why, you listen to me. It is a great thing to be the president of the United States of America. It is the greatest job in the world. It is a great thing to be the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. It is a great thing to be the governor of the commonwealth of Illinois. It is a great thing to be the mayor of a tremendous metropolis like Chicago. It is a great thing to be president of a university like the University of Chicago. It is a great thing to be the president of a bank, to be a great lawyer, a great doctor, a great engineer, but listen to me. If you were to take all these great titles, these exalted positions and put them all together, still the lofty place of the humblest, meekest, twice-born, God-fearing, church-serving, soul-winning child of God would outshine them all. The highest position in this life, the highest job here upon this earth, the greatest, most exalted responsibility known to God and to man, is to be a surrendered, obedient, sacrificial Christian, living, loving, lifting, in the name and for the sake of the crucified, resurrected Son of God.

But not only does Jesus offer perfect salvation and a perfect service, but He offers perfect satisfaction, satisfaction right now, right now in this life, and satisfaction eternally in the life to come. Why, tell me, where can you find any more satisfaction than in singing these delightful songs of Zion's triumph? Does not your heart thrill when Brother and Sister Wells stand up here noon after noon to sing to us these delightful hymns that were born of the angels in Heaven? Does not your heart thrill when you find some favorite passage in God's Book that speaks to your soul, that gives you the comfort, the courage, the inspiration, the assurance that God is on your side, that you are on God's side? Do you not find satisfaction in going to church, in the assembly, in the communion of God's people? When it comes to giving of your means, to witnessing to the saving power of the blessed Son of God, friends, I do not know how you feel about it, but I say to you that there is no thrill in this world comparable to the thrill of leading a soul out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of sin into salvation.

Then just think. One of these days we are going to get old. We are not going to be able to run around much. It will be a task for us to move about the home. The winds will chill us. The rains will affect us. Our eyes will grow dim, our ears heavy, our steps dragging. Sitting in some chimney corner, all we shall have left will be memories. I say to you that we shall regret every show we attended, every dance we went to, every drink we took. But, oh, what a joy it will be to remember our prayer meetings, the hours we spent on our knees over this Bible, the money that we devoted to the cause of God, the souls we helped find their way into this salvation!

When this life is over, when we have crossed chilly Jordan, when we stand up yonder in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, tell me, is there anything, is there anything, is there anything, is there anything, in this world that is too great a price to pay, for having Jesus with a smile of welcome say to us as He presses us to His great heart, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord?" I repeat, this salvation is a perfect salvation. It takes care of the past, of all of our sins. It takes care of the present, of all of our needs. It takes care of the future, because it guarantees to us the resurrection from the dead and a home in Heaven. It promises to us an eternal interest-paying reward for every second of time, for every bit of energy, for every penny of money invested in God.

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my time is more than up, and here it is: What about the saved? To whom does Jesus offer this salvation? Well, there is just one class of people, to those who want to be saved. God said, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." No invitation could be more simple, no direction more definite. God wants to save you and keep you saved. He has made abundant, ample, sufficient provisions for your salvation. The word is plain. Do you want to be saved? Do you want Jesus as your Saviour? Do you want this perfect salvation, this perfect service, this perfect satisfaction? If you do, it is here for you. Come to the blood and water which flowed from Immanuel's side. Come just as you are. Come with all your sins. Come with your thirst. Come without money, without toil. Come as you are. Come now. Cry, "Lord, I believe, help mine unbelief. Have mercy on me a sinner."

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convictions, people that stand for something. There are three sovereign verbs that govern most of human life and relationships: one of them is "to get," another is "to have," the third is "to be." But, young people, it is far more important what you are than what you get or what you have. What you get you might not be able to hold, and what you have you may not be able properly to use, but what you are is your big asset in life. You know you have got to live with yourself all of your life. And if you can't look yourself in the face and respect yourself, you are defeated to start with. The saddest day that ever came into a young life was the day when you had to begin to cover up something and you lost your self-respect.

Let's look for a moment into this young man's temptation. I love to draw on my own imagination a little while but I don't think I am drawing so much on my imagination in this case—When Daniel came face to face with this crisis, the devil came right on the spot in that conflict and I can imagine some things the devil said to this young man.

II. THE DEVIL'S BIDS FOR THIS YOUNG MAN.

1. His First Bid Was to Compromise His Convictions.

The first thing I know he said was, "Now Daniel, don't be a fool and throw away the biggest opportunity you ever had in your life. It is a chance that comes to a young man only once in a life time and, Daniel, you can't afford to play the fool now. You had better compromise some things than to forfeit an opportunity like this." Was that right? Was the devil correct? Is it better to compromise than to lose some opportunities? Or is it better to stand foursquare for God and right and righteousness and principle? Is it better to go down fighting for the right or to succeed by compromising? But Daniel knew what he believed and he was determined, yes, "he purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." Oh, I like a young fellow who will take a stand and say, "No," until it will make both of the devil's ears ring and tingle the rest of his days. Oh, to say, "No," so it can be heard and understood! I tell you, one of the things we need in human life, in our Christian life — we need to know how and when to say, "No," and to take a stand and stay put. That is the kind of people that get somewhere in their Christian lives.

2. The Devil's Second Bid: "Everybody Else Does."

I can imagine the devil saying again to Daniel, "Daniel, now this is the way everybody does it." Have you ever heard that? "Everybody does it." How many times have you heard it? "Everybody does it."

I have two daughters, one of them is fourteen and the other is seventeen, Mary and Martha. I could never begin to tell you how many times I have heard, "Daddy, everybody else does!" We are mortally afraid to be different from the rest of the crowd. Oh, how we are afraid of men! How we are afraid of public opinion! How we are afraid of the scorn of the crowd! One of the things that has damned more lives, wrecked more souls is the fear of man. The wise man who wrote the Proverbs was right when he said, "The fear of man bringeth a snare." It was the fear of man that made Peter deny His Lord that tragic night. One of the saddest chapters in that apostle's whole life was when before the accusations of the mob, Peter faltered, was afraid, and finally swore

with bitter cursing and said that he never knew our Lord. Oh Peter just a little while ago vowed, "Lord, if all men forsake you, I will die for you." But he was afraid of the crowd.

It was the fear of man that caused Pilate to turn the Lord over to the Jews to be crucified. One of the saddest things in the gospel of John is where John said, "Many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

At the head of the list of those cast into Hell in the twenty-first chapter of Revelation and the eighth verse is "the fearful." I think there is a significance; "the fearful" and the next is the "unbelieving." I think God means to teach us there are more people in Hell because they are afraid of man than any other one reason. So God heads the list of that crowd with "the fearful"—afraid of what people think; afraid to cut loose from the crowd; afraid people will think you are queer. I want to tell you tonight, young people, just as certainly as you take an out and out stand for the Lord, the whole world is going to think you are queer. If you can't stand it you will never be a great Christian for this Book of God says, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." But the thing I come back to say is that it sends multiplied millions of people to Hell because they do not have courage to cut loose from the crowd and are swept on by the crowd because they do not have courage to take their stand for the Lord. It does take courage. The crowd has this idea of the thing: to be a Christian is too sissy. Religion belongs to the weak-minded and nobody but the sissy and weak-minded is an out and out Christian. That is the attitude of the world. But listen, is that so! Just think with me. It doesn't take a bit of courage to go along with the crowd. It takes no courage at all to be like other folks but it does take real honest-to-goodness courage and backbone to cut loose from the crowd, to give up friends when you know God is calling in another direction. It does take real courage to face the scoffing and fun-poking and the frowns of the ungodly crowd. It does take some courage to do that.

Anybody can go to Hell. Anybody can be a sinner. It doesn't take any manhood, it doesn't take any womanhood. The lowest-down, sorriest piece of humanity on earth can wallow in the mire, live in sin, die and go to Hell. Talk about it being sissy — it doesn't take character nor manhood nor womanhood nor courage nor anything else to go to Hell. That is the reason so many people go to Hell. "Daniel, everybody else does." But listen, it makes no difference if everybody on earth does it, if it is wrong, the fact that the whole world does it doesn't make it right. If the whole world does it, it doesn't mean God is going to overlook it. He proved that fact in the flood. All the world turned its back on God, except one family, and God destroyed the rest of them. If the whole world does wrong, it is still wrong. If Mrs. Gotrocks and her crowd play social bridge, if it is wrong, it is still wrong regardless of who does it. Sin is sin. We have the attitude today that people don't think about those things like they used to. You hear it on every hand. But listen, whatever the world thinks about it and however the world looks on sin it is still as hideous a monster as it ever was and we cannot coddle and dabble and play with sin and get away with it any more today than people could back in the beginning. It is still the slimy serpent it always has been and it still in the end biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder, in 1943 just like it did in the garden of Eden. It will wreck, ruin, damn, break hearts, destroy everything you live for, and drag you down to Hell in 1943 just like it always has, regardless of what people think about it. Sin is still the deadliest, most destructive thing in all human life. Sin is still a cancer which eats out the human soul. Sin still is the thing that destroys everything that is worth while in human life. "Everybody is doing it."

You had better let it alone, it makes no difference if everybody is doing it.

3. His Third Bid: "It Is the Custom."

I can imagine the devil said to Daniel, "It is the custom. It is the custom." Oh, how we are bound by social custom, but if social custom is wrong, God give us courage to forget social custom and stand for Him. That is what we need today.

There is a young man in America who has fallen into somewhat disrepute because he made a mistake in his judgment, but he is a young man admired by millions, and I still admire him as much as any young man that bears the title of an American citizen. That young man is Charles Lindbergh. I am sorry he made that mistake in judgment about Germany and brought himself into disrepute. I think he was honest. When Charles Lindbergh got in that plane and that lone eagle turned the nose of that plane toward Paris, France, and landed there, the first one to ever span the Atlantic ocean, and became the hero of the world, it wasn't an accident that he was the one who did it. There was something back of it. There was preparation. There was a strong physical body. A young man of courage and of brilliance and of daring — every inch a man. But one of the things we have heard almost nothing about its, when Charles Lindbergh was at the height of his popularity, he was being entertained in the court of the King and Queen of Sweden as their honor guest. That night when he sat down at the table with other guests; glasses had been placed at each plate, ready to receive the liquor. When the butler came around pouring the liquor, after already having poured for the King and Queen and their nobles of the court, when he got to Charles Lindbergh, that strapping of an American boy, had courage to turn his glass upside down. Tell me that didn't take courage. That is manhood. That is what Daniel had and that is what we need. Oh, slave to custom! If it is wrong, if it dishonors God, stand for God. Stand for right. Regardless of what anybody else says, right is going to win. Right is winning in this war. It looked like England was gone, but I tell you, God is still on His throne. In the darkest days back yonder in Dunkirk — you can't read the history of Dunkirk as it is now being revealed without seeing one of the greatest miracles of all times that was performed by the hand of Almighty God. Right will come out on top after awhile. The poet was right when he said, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." You may keep it down awhile but you can't keep it down for long.

4. His fourth Bid: "There's Honor In It."

Then I can imagine the devil said to Daniel, "Daniel, there is honor in it. You will be some body. You will have a position of honor in this government. You will be a statesman of this land. Daniel, don't you throw away that kind of an opportunity to be somebody." His appeal was to Daniel's pride. Oh, the pride of the human heart! There was a dear young woman last night, a beautiful young woman, came down the aisle and went back into the prayer room and made a confession that thrilled my soul through and through. She stood up there and said, "The hardest thing I ever did in my life was to walk down that aisle tonight because my pride, my pride said, 'Don't do it,' but my heart said, 'Go,' and I went. I thank God that I went!" You need victory over pride and over vain glory. Are you willing to be nobody if need be in order to be a real man or a real woman of God? When you realize that to be right with God, to have the blessing of God upon your life is infinitely more worthwhile than to have the honor the world can bestow on one, you will get somewhere.

5. His Fifth Bid: "There Is Money In It."

Then again I can imagine the devil said, "Daniel, there is money in it." Oh, how many people have sold out to the devil for money, for a little bit of money, for this world's goods and are trying to satisfy their souls on it. Jesus Christ never spoke a greater

truth than when He said, "Man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesses." You cannot satisfy human life on things. The fact is that the more of this world's goods you have, the more miserable you are going to be. Everybody in the world ought to read the book of Ecclesiastes through at one sitting. It is the story of the life experience of a man, Solomon. In his old age he is telling of his search for something to satisfy life. First, he found wisdom, but he found that without God, "he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." Then he tried pleasure. He put on some of the gayest parties men ever threw. He got men singers and women singers and musicians. He entered the gay whirl of society, but when all was over, he said, "All is vanity and striving after the wind." Then Solomon imagined that some people got real joy and happiness out of drink, so he tried that, but that this too was vanity. Others seemed to get satisfaction out of big business so he bought him land and builded houses and got servants and maidens and had great possessions: His ships brought gold from Ophir till it was as common as stones in the street. Again he said, "Vanity! Vanity! All is Vanity!" Hear that man's recipe for happiness! "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

Human life is made for God. Man was made with the capacity to hold fellowship with Almighty God and to think the thoughts of God. We are made for companionship with God. God placed eternity in the soul of man and he placed in man's soul a void that will never be satisfied until he is filled with God. If you have God; if you are right with God; if you walk with God, life is wonderful. You may have to give up your present group of friends in order to do it, but, thank God, He will give you better friends than those you give up for Him. Cut loose from the worldly ones. God will replace them with better ones.

A young woman who came to me five years ago was facing that very question. She was running with the wild crowd, going to the beer parlors, night clubs, dance halls, smoking, dancing and all those things. Her heart was hungry for God. She said, "Brother Hankins, I want to give it all up. I want to give my all to the Lord BUT, I know when I do I will have to give up every friend I have in the world and they are friends of a lifetime. They will quit me. As sure as I do, it will be the loss of everyone of them." I said, "Roxie, don't worry about that. Do what God wants you to do and God will take care of the rest." "But," she said, "I will have to give them up." I said, "Roxie, God will give you some so much better that will be such a blessing and such a joy to you, that you will wonder why you ever hesitated to give up this crowd. This way you are going — what does it lead to? What is in the future? Anybody that will drag you down is not a friend at all. Anybody who pretends to be a friend and is pulling your life down, you had better let go." That day that girl knelt in my study and gave her heart to the Lord. She decided to give up that crowd. She came into the church and joined the young ladies' Sunday school class. In about three months she was carried to the hospital with acute attack of appendicitis. It was an emergency operation. Some days later as I sat by her bed I said, "How is it, Roxie?" She said, "I tell you, those girls I made friends with in that Sunday school class have been just like angels of mercy in these hours of my suffering. I didn't know that friends could be so sweet and mean so much." I said, "I told you, didn't I?" "Yes, you did," said she, "but God made good His promise above anything I ever dreamed He would do."

III. GOD TOOK CARE OF DANIEL.

Listen young people, God won't let you down. Look at the young man Daniel. After the battle with the devil, after being put on the spot, having to make such decisions, did things happen like the devil said? No. Look at him. His physical health was better. I tell you now, if you follow God you

will not only have better health but you will live longer. The wicked live out only half of their days. That is true. Look at the old people past seventy years of age. How many are not Christians. Ninety-five per cent of the people you will meet that are past seventy years old are Christians. Yes, that is so. That doesn't mean that ninety-five per cent of the people were saved back yonder as they grew up. Why is it ninety-five per cent you find past seventy are Christians? Because sin has taken the rest of the crowd that have left God out and they have gone to an untimely death. Only those that have followed God have gone on past three score and ten, with mighty few exceptions.

There was an old man going down to church one Sunday morning. As he hobbled along on a cane in his old age and feeble body, singing his praises to God, a young lawyer, a skeptic, met him. "Good morning, grand - day" he said. "You seem to be happy this morning." This old man said, "Young man, I am." "How in the world can an old man with all the aches and pains you are bound to have, and feeble in body and with one foot in the grave — how can he be happy enough to come down the street singing like you are?" "Listen, young man," said the dear old fellow. "Look around you wherever you please, you will never find a happy old person who is not a Christian." "But," said he, "if you have walked with the Lord, you are not coming to the sunset, you are coming to the sunrise!"

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Not only will you have better health but you will have a better mind. Ten times better was Daniel than any of the other crowd. Listen, God literally meant it when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God will do it. If you have the courage to put God first, put Him on the throne, and stand foursquare, God will take care of the results. There will be a happy life without regrets. Nothing is more bitter in human experience than to come down to the end and look back with bitter regrets. There can be a life without them, a sunrise without a cloud. There will be glory all along the way and victory every step of the way with the Lord Jesus Christ. It pays to serve Jesus. It pays to be a Christian. It pays glorious dividends, not only to be a Christian but to be out and out for the Lord. Stand foursquare for the Lord.

Did God take care of Daniel? God gave him honor, position and wealth. God gave him a long and useful life. When, in his old age he is cast into a den of wild lions that have been kept up days without food God delivers him. The next morning when the king comes, after a night of waiting and wondering if Daniel's God is going to take care of him, we hear him shout into the mouth of that lion's den, "O Daniel, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" And the answer came back from the cavern, "O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lion's mouths, that they have not hurt me." God will take care. God will see you through. God will never let you down if you have the courage to cut loose from the crowd and refuse to compromise with the devil; refuse to bow your knee to Baal, but walk with the Lord. You can count on God. He will never let you down.

Bow your heads while we pray. Oh, young people, maybe you have failed, but try again. Maybe you tried in your own strength; take God in as a partner this time. He, in His breast, will catch all the fiery darts of the wicked one. He will be your buckler, your shield. He will be your strong tower where the righteous runneth and is safe. Go with God. Trust Him. That is the way to do it. How many will lift your hand and say, "Brother Hankins, pray for me?" Oh, yes, God bless you young people.

(Many hands were lifted and many young people came forward during the invitation. At the close of the invitation the challenge was given to over a thousand young people to take an out and out stand for Christ, and practically everyone present eagerly lifted his hand).

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